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Greece-Cyprus: Athens has forced the ouster of the Cypriot interior minister. (Page 9)

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Greece-Cyprus: Cypriot Minister of Interior Georkatzis has resigned at the insistence of the Greek Government.

Athens demanded that Georkatzis resign following the disclosure of his involvement with the group that masterminded the attempted assassination of Greek premier Papadopoulos last August.

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the ouster of the interior minister appears to be part of a compromise agreed to by Makarios to protect the official reputation of his government in regard to the affair.

Glafkos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot negotiator in the current round of intercommunal talks, is piqued over Makarios' handling of the incident. Should he and other officials resign, there would be a storm within the Greek Cypriot community, and the future of the talks would be jeopardized.

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